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Letter dated 8 January 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to convey the consent of the Sudan Government to the establishment of a temporary operating base in Golo, in Central Darfur State. In this respect, I am attaching a self-explanatory note delivered on 7 January 2018 to the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Sudan (see annex).

Having brought this matter to your attention, I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Sudan presents its compliments to the African Union — United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) and has the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 2363 (2017), which addresses the requirements for the first and second phases of the Operation's exit strategy. The latter include cooperation to open a temporary operating base in the Golo area of Jebel Marra. Consultations have been held for that purpose with UNAMID. Most recently, the national committee on facilitating the exit of UNAMID met with UNAMID command on 13 December 2017 at the offices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. UNAMID gave a presentation on the goals of the temporary operating base. In that connection, the Ministry wishes to state as follows:

1. The Government of the Sudan has allocated the land necessary for the establishment of the temporary base. We should be grateful if you could provide a time frame for the beginning and end of deployment to the base; in accordance with Security Council resolution 2363 (2017), the latter is temporary.

2. We should like to know what plans are in place with regard to humanitarian activities at the base and, in particular, how the beneficiaries are to be identified, how their needs are to be assessed, and what outcomes are anticipated. A joint assessment of humanitarian needs in the region has been made in cooperation with the United Nations and its agencies, and humanitarian work is already taking place in a smooth and organized manner.

3. UNAMID had provided detailed information regarding the deployment plan of the military component of the base. We should also like to receive detailed information regarding the types of activities that are being planned with a view to promoting peace and stability in the manner described in the resolution.

4. When they met in Zalingei to discuss the temporary base in Golo, the governor of Central Darfur state informed the Joint Special Representative and Head of UNAMID of some requirements for the promotion of stability and peace in the state. The Joint Special Representative agreed to those requirements.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Sudan takes this opportunity to convey to UNAMID the assurances of its highest consideration. It is committed to working with UNAMID to implement all of the requirements of Security Council resolution 2363 (2017) and will do all that is necessary in order to enable UNAMID to fulfil its mission in the most comprehensive way.